

In the Claims:

Cancel ~~claims~~ 1-23 and 28-38, without prejudice to their subsequent reintroduction into this case, or their introduction into a subsequently filed continuation application.

REMARKS

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/989,045.

Applicants have amended the specification to include a priority claim. Furthermore, Applicants have canceled claims 1-23 and 28-38 without prejudice. Following entry of this amendment, claims 24-27 will be pending in the instant application.

In a requirement for restriction issued March 14, 1997 in grandparent application USSN 08/705,660, claims 24-27 were designated as belonging to Group II (method of detecting cervical cancer by detecting DNA, allegedly classified in class 435, subclass 6). This application has been filed to pursue the subject matter of class II.

Applicants believe that the aforementioned amendments introduce no new matter. In addition, Applicants believe that no additional claim fee is incurred by the submission of this paper.

Early favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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